

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7030

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Tom Roberts of Lafayette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Tom Roberts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts was a highly respected member of his community and a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Tom Roberts was born in Sparta on June 28, 1942, to Dr. Charles Buford and Rita Jones Roberts; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Mr. Roberts married the love of his life, Marylin Snow; and

WHEREAS, the couple moved to Lafayette in 1977 with Imperial Reading, and from 1979 to 1996, Tom Roberts owned and operated his own apparel company, Lafayette Apparel; and

WHEREAS, in the early 2000s, Mr. Roberts served with acumen and alacrity at Fleetwood, where he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to serving the needs of his community, Tom Roberts helped develop Lafayette's T-ball and Little League organizations and served two terms as a member of the Lafayette City Council; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Lafayette United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years in a number of capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of sixty years, Marilyn Roberts; son and daughter-in-law, Les and Patricia Roberts; and daughter and son-in-law, Laura Jane Roberts and J.D. Skinner; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Carolyn Rayburn; and

WHEREAS, Tom Roberts leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Tom Roberts, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Roberts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.